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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 1, delete "ANCHOR FOR SAFETY ROPE" and add new Title of the Invention Section as follows:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Anchor For Safety Rope--;

At page 1, line 3, add new Cross-Reference Section as follows:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/AU98/00968 filed November 20, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15-16.

Please amend claims 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 14 to read as follows:

--4. The device of claim 3 wherein the securing means includes a second end portion at the other end of the rod or tube.

8. The device of claim 2 wherein the mounting is adapted to be attached to said building element.

9. The device of claim 1 wherein said building element has an aperture and said securing means passes through or engages with the aperture.

11. A building element including at least one mounting location for receiving the anchor device of claim 1.

13. The building element of claim 12 wherein the or each location is a bore sized to allow the securing means to pass therethrough to engage the mounting means and sandwich the building element between the mounting means and at least part of the securing means.

14. The combination of an anchor device as claimed in claim 1 and a building element including at least one mounting location for receiving the anchor device.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 14 are pending in the application. A marked up copy of the amended claims is attached in accordance with the new rules.

The purpose of this amendment is to insert the reference to the parent application of which this is a continuation, and delete the multiple dependent claims in this application, and thereby eliminate excessive claim fees. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS

1. An anchor device for a safety rope, the anchor device including:

a rod or tube;

receiving means for receiving an end of a safety rope mounted on or
5 integral with a first end portion of the rod or tube;

securing means for securing the device directly or indirectly to a building
element;

wherein the rod or tube includes a tapered portion with the smaller end of
the tapered portion nearest to the receiving means.

- 10 2. The device of claim 1 further including mounting means to which the
securing means is secured.

3. The device of claim 2 wherein the mounting means includes two or more
locations to receive the securing means.

4. The device of ^{claim 3} ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the securing means includes
15 a second end portion at the other end of the rod or tube.

5. The device of claim 4 wherein at least part of the second end portion is
threaded.

6. The device of claim 5 wherein the securing means includes at least one
locking nut adapted to engage the threaded second end portion.

- 20 7. The device of claim 6 wherein the or each locking nut includes a non-
threaded sleeve, which extends around a portion of the rod or tube.

8. The device of ^{claim 2} ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ wherein the mounting is adapted to be
attached to said building element.

16. A building element, substantially as herein described with reference to the drawings. 7

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